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While attending the 74th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa on 10 and 11 Apr 1970, Subject together with his wife Ludmila paid a visit to Koropetsky, Ivan at his home. Invited to the get-together was also Myroslav Labunka of Philadelphia, Pa. All three used to meet at Koropetsky's house in the past. Following is the gist of what "interesting" was said by Subject, during the evening.

1. In autumn 1970 there will finally take place the 24th Congress of the CPSU. No basic changes are to be expected. As to personal changes Subject claimed to know nothing about them, "but there might be some". Asked whether BREZHNEV will take SHELEST to Moscow, Subject replied he did not know "but he might".

2. During discussion of "convergence", "evolution of communism" etc Subject emphasized that as the matters stand now he saw no chances for "full transformation of communist system" as his interlocutors implied. "The system will become communist so as as it is now for a long time to come apart from secondary modifications dictated by life itself". "You may add the ages of all three of us and within all these years to come there won't be any complete overhaul of our system in the sense ~~as~~ you would like to see it." "And this is right, of course", - he added.

3. According to Subject, lecturers like Labunka and KOROPetsky should not act as "political emigres" but just as American scholars of Ukrainian descent. They should also visit Ukraine and get in closer contact with their Soviet Ukrainian colleagues. He assured Labunka that he could visit Ukraine any time and stay there even for good although - he added - he probably could not ~~xxxx~~ get there a lecturer's job.

4. Subject denied that KICHKO-case (the author of Anti-semitic books and essays in Kiev) is an example of misusing a Ukrainian ~~Man~~ by Russians in their anti-semitic campaign , because KICHKO is a Jew.

5. Subject admitted that there were 3 main problems which the Soviet regime inherited from the tsarist regime and which it could not solve either. These were; agriculture, & population and economic development of Siberia, ~~and~~ plus succession in the Kremlin.

Subject was quite angry when his interlocutors ironically referred to the Chinese as " great friends of Sovs". In his opinion, Ukrainians had nothing good to expect from Chinese, either.

6. On the whole Subject was more reserved in his expressions than usual, he preferred to listen and let his hosts do ~~all~~ most of the talking. According to our Source, nevertheless, Subject made an impression of being ^{somewhat} ~~quite~~ worried about latest developments in the Soviet Union. Until now he played the role of an anti-Stalinist, ~~and~~ this time he rather toned down in this respect.